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The Lord's Day, Sunday, November 8, 2026

"...taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ..."



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us this morning! At Christ the King, our worship is a divine-human dialogue, in accordance with Scriptural example and precedent, alternatively hearing God's Word and responding in prayer, song, or meditation. The boxes throughout the bulletin were written to aid each worshipper in thoughtful and meaningful participation in this dialogue. Please prepare your heart by reading through the bulletin, praying for those leading and worshipping around you, and silencing all communication devices.

** Indicates congregational standing*

We Approach the Lord

Call to Worship

It is at the end of this psalm, in which the psalmist recounts his experience of facing death and being delivered (figuratively, "resurrected"), that he calls his readers to worship. His response is to commit himself to worship "in the presence of all His people," that is, in formal public worship. And so we do the same today in this service.

Psalm 116 *ESV*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We call each other, in corporate worship as our call commanded, to exalt the Lord, for, among other things, He has taken "His own" and made them "His peculiar treasure (v. 1)".

"Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim" *(Trinity Hymnal #12)*

We Acknowledge Our Sin

* Reading from the Law

This metaphor, which describes in graphic imagery the ugliness of Judah's unfaithfulness to her covenant with God, could be applied to any Christian who willfully sins, which is all of us at certain times. The understood command is to realize the heinousness of sin by those in covenant relationship to God, and to repent with godly sorrow (II Corinthians 7:10).

Ezekiel 16:1-22 *ESV*

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We use David's model confession and appeal for forgiveness to express our own godly sorrow in true confession and repentance.

Responsive Reading, Psalm 51 *(Trinity Hymnal p. 804)*

We Rejoice in the Assurance of Forgiveness

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

We take comfort from the remarkable and precious expression of God's grace and mercy to sinners which follows His frank portrayal of their sin, part of which we have already heard, an expression which makes clear God's faithfulness to His Covenant, despite the ugliness of our sin and the shame which inevitably results from our awareness of its true nature.

Ezekiel 16:59-63 *ESV*

59 "For thus says the Lord God: I will deal with you as you have done, you who have despised the oath in breaking the covenant, 60 yet I will remember my covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish for you an everlasting covenant. 61 Then you will remember your ways and be ashamed when you take your sisters, both your elder and your younger, and I give them to you as daughters, but not on account of the covenant with you. 62 I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall know that I am the Lord, 63 that you may remember and be confounded, and never open your mouth again because of your shame, when I atone for you for all that you have done, declares the Lord God."

Leader: This is the gospel.
Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

This hymn expresses both our sorrow and realization of guilt, and the hope and deliverance we experience through faith in our Redeemer, the Lord.

"From Depths of Woe;" Psalm 130 *(RUF Tune)*

1. From the depths of woe I raise to Thee
The voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark,
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before Thee?
(Who shall stand before Thee?)
O who shall stand before Thee?
(Who shall stand before Thee?)

2. To wash away the crimson stain,
Grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain;
In much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight,
All must alike confess Thy might,
And live alone by mercy
(Live alone by mercy)
And live alone by mercy
(Live alone by mercy)

3. Therefore my trust is in the Lord,
And not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word
Upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort,
My comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience
(Wait for it with patience)
I wait for it with patience
(Wait for it with patience)

4. What though I wait the live-long night,
And 'til the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might;
It doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,
Ye of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait til God appeareth
(Wait til God appeareth)
And wait til God appeareth
(Wait til God appeareth)

5. Though great our sins
and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows,
Our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow
(All their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow
(All their sin and sorrow)

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Prayers of Intercession

During this time the elders will be in the back of the room, ready to take personal prayer requests from and pray with all who want this, and these will be confidential if desired. Everyone who is not receiving prayer in this way will participate in corporate prayer as the worship leader mentions a list of topics. As each item is mentioned, the congregation should respond with the words, "We offer these our prayers," followed by a brief silent prayer from each individual.

We Hear Instruction from the Lord

Sermon *(Mike Biggs)*

The Power of the Gospel: Romans V:
"The Gospel in the Covenant of Grace" (Part 2)

*Romans 3:1-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

WE COMMUNE WITH OUR LORD

Communion Meditation

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. (*or universal)

Distribution of Elements

Because we believe that wine was used in the Last Supper and is thus more in accord with the fullness of symbolism intended by God in the Lord's Supper, we offer and encourage wine for those who take part in Communion. For those with conscientious convictions against the use of wine, however, we offer grape juice, which is contained in the inner circle of the communion trays. The cups containing wine are in the outer circles.

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" *(RUF Tune)*

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
and the burden of the day.

2. Upon the cross of Jesus,
mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart with tears
Two wonders I confess
The wonders of redeeming love
and my unworthiness.

3. I take, O cross, thy shadow
for my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by
To know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame,
my glory, all the cross.

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We Respond to the Grace of the Lord

Offering Meditation

As we have seen before numerous times in this service, one of the biblically ordained responses to God's amazing mercy and grace to those to whom He grants salvation is to present to Him offerings of thanksgiving in the context of public worship, which we do now.

Psalm 116:12-14 *ESV*

12 *What shall I render to the Lord*
for all his benefits to me?
13 *I will lift up the cup of salvation*
and call on the name of the Lord,
14 *I will pay my vows to the Lord*
in the presence of all his people.

"Be Thou My Vision" *(Trinity Hymnal #642 v. 4)*

Presentation of Offerings

* Doxology *(Trinity Hymnal #731)*

Prayer of Dedication

We Respond to the Word

Having just responded with tithes and offerings to God, we now present our whole selves to Him, which is our "spiritual worship" (Romans 12:1), in our final hymn.

"Savior, Thy Dying Love Thou Gavest Me" *(Trinity Hymnal #638)*

Benediction

Sermon Notes

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The Power of the Gospel: Romans V:
"The Gospel in the Covenant of Grace" (Part 2)

Romans 3:1-20 *(Mike Biggs)*

Introduction:

How can the Covenant of Grace become a means to the accomplishment of the Gospel for us?

I. We must properly *appropriate the role of sin* in the Covenant, vv. 1-8.

A. The Covenant imparts blessing in multiple ways.

B. The Covenant always succeeds in its intent.

C. The Covenant upholds justice in its realization.

D. The Covenant opposes evil in its essence.

II. We must prudently *avoid the presumption of favoritism* in the Covenant, vv. 9-18.

A. Membership does not guarantee salvation.

B. Membership reveals accountability.

III. We must practically *acknowledge the revelation of guilt* in the Covenant, vv. 19, 20.

A. The law produces accountability for sin.

B. The law produces awareness of sin.

For Your Personal Devotion

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study:

VISION

Purpose (our reason for existence): to reverse the effects of rebellion against God (sin)

Mission (what we are called to do): to build the Kingdom of God, by…

- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

Core Values (our fundamental commitments):

1. *Knowing* truth from God (Scripture)
2. *Being* right with God (Justification)
3. *Living* life for God (Sanctification)

Goals (what we seek to accomplish):

1. *Worship*—People experiencing and being attracted to and trained in the enjoyment of God
2. *Fellowship*—People displaying and enjoying genuinely loving and giving relationships/Christian community
3. *Christian Education*—People being confronted with and oriented to the whole truth of God
4. *Outreach*—People being drawn to the Church and trained to draw others
5. *Mercy*—People caring about and meeting the material needs of both non-Christians and other Christians

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